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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 5: LABOR CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30P.M. MRS. PERON, FLANKED BY ENTIRE CABINET PLUS RAUL LASTIRI, WENT ON NATIONWIDE TELEVISION. SEATED IN FRONT OF HER WERE CGT LEADERS, WHOM SHE SAID SHE HAD CALLED IN FOR CONSULTATION. SHE THEN INVITED ONE OF THEIR NUMBER TO SPEAK FOR THEM AND EXPLAIN TO HER THEIR VIEWS.

2. ADALBERTO WIMER, CGT PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY, TOOK MICROPHONE AND BEGAN BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR AUDIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING FOR PROBLEMS FACED BY HER GOVERNMENT. HE THEN, HOWEVER, REFERRED TO NEEDS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND DESCRIBED DIFFICULT SITUATION BROUGHT ON BY RISING PRICES. HE INSISTED ON NEED TO ADHERE TO LAW NO. 14.250 ON COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS (I.E. SUPPORT PARI-TARIAS). DESPITE ATTACKS ON LABOR FROM WITHIN GOVERNMENT, HE SIAD, LABOR HAD LISTENED WITH EUPHORIA TO MRS. PERON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE AND HAD PARTICIPATED RESPONSIBLY IN PARI-TARIAS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE SHE COULD FIND SOME MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING GALLOPING PRICES.

3. MRS. PERON THANKED HIM FOR HIS EXPOSITION. SHE WOULD THINK THINGS OVER, SHE SAID, AND ASKED THAT THEY GO BACK TO THEIR UNIONS AND
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ASSURE WORKERS THAT DECISION WAS IN HER HANDS ESCLUSIVELY (I.E.

NOT IN LOPEZ REGA'S). SHE WOULD, SHE CONCLUDED, GIVE THEM HER REPLY
TOMORROW. LOOKING DRAWN AND TENSE, SHE SHOOK HANDS AND DEPARTED.

R. COMMENT: WHAT WAS SAID WAS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE, WHAT WAS NOT WAS.
OBVIOUSLY MEETING PRODUCED NO COMPROMISE SOLUTION. SHE BOUGHT TIME
(WHICH COULD BE IMPORTANT SINCE BOTH FREJULI AND UCR BLOCS ARE
IN SESSION IN SENATE AND WILL PROBABLY NOW BE INCLINED TO HOLD OFF
ON ANY DEFINITE MOVE UNTIL TOMORROW), BUT LABOR LEADERS GAVE NO IN-
DICATION OF BACKING DOWN. ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING WAS CLEARLY TENSE.
TOMORROW MAY PRODUCE SOME DEFINITION.
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